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1.  The amendment filed on 14 January 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

See attached initialed copy of PTO Form 1449 and also note that Applicant's amd't filed Jan 14, 2004 incorrectly listed the Ser. No. of the provisional Application as 60/175,998 but has been corrected as 60/175,598.



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